THE REGIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER FOR CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE (REC) is a non-partisan, non-advocacy, non-for-profit international organisation with a mission to assist in solving environmental problems in Central and Eastern Europe (CEE). The REC fulfils this mission by promoting cooperation among non-governmental organisations, governments, businesses and other environmental stakeholders, and by supporting the free exchange of information and public participation in environmental decision making.

The REC was established in 1990 by the United States, the European Commission and Hungary. Today, the REC is legally based on a charter signed by the governments of 28 countries and the European Commission, and on an international agreement with the government of Hungary. The REC has its head office in Szentendre, Hungary, and country offices and field offices in 16 beneficiary countries which are: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Poland, Romania, Serbia and Montenegro, Slovenia, and Turkey.

Recent donors are the European Commission and the governments of Austria, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Canada, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Japan, Latvia, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Serbia and Montenegro, Slovenia, Sweden, Switzerland, the United Kingdom, and the United States, as well as other inter-governmental and private institutions.
Origami, the art of paper folding, is based on strong, innovative design models and the harmonious relationships between different shapes and folding techniques. Pieces of plain, flat paper are transformed into a congruent design that transcends the sum of its parts.

In a similar fashion, people have sacrificed their own interests for those of an elevated, common good. It is through such pursuits that partnerships are born. Whether working with the EU nations, NGOs, or local beneficiaries, the REC welcomes partnerships and respects strong models of cooperation for achieving best possible results for the common good. We celebrate this spirit of design and partnership in this look into the year’s activities of 2004.
The REC invites you to try the ancient art of origami. Sheets of fine vellum can be found on pages 7, 27, and 39, while instructions on page 41 help you to create three simple objects: a chip pouch, a party box and a serving tray. Happy folding!
The EU’s historic enlargement in 2004 has created a unique context for REC operations. For eight of its countries — while keeping to national traditions and adhering to specific conditions — EU goals and directives have taken the place of accession targets.

This development requires further efforts for enforcement of and compliance with the acquis communautaire, contributions to further development of EU strategies and legislation, and the implementation of already adopted key environmental documents, such as the Sustainable Development Strategy and the 6th Environmental Action Programme.

The continuous progress of South Eastern European (SEE) countries toward EU approximation and accession brings an important dimension to the REC’s work.

A major new thrust of REC activities was the May opening of the country office in Turkey, followed by the Grand Assembly of Turkey’s ratification of the REC Charter. The initial focus of the REC operation is on the facilitation of the EU accession process, together with civil society development in the environmental sector, promotion of public participation and public awareness in environmental matters.

An agreement with the Republic of Montenegro of the State Union of Serbia and Montenegro in April created a new institutional framework for REC activities to strengthen the institutions and to support the EU approximation in Montenegro.

The Prime Minister of Hungary, visiting Japan last October, published a joint statement with the Prime Minister of Japan in which both countries praised the role played by the REC in Hungary, including its promotion of the Kyoto mechanisms throughout the region. In this context both sides welcomed the intention of the Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC) and the REC to cooperate in identifying and formulating potential joint implementation projects in the Central and Eastern European region — making effective use of technology and know-how of Japanese companies.

The REC is looking forward to the 15th Anniversary of its establishment. For this occasion the REC is organising a conference for all current and future partners, donors and beneficiaries focusing on the region’s key environmental status and sustainable development tools. Following traditional REC values like open and constructive cooperation, transparent decision making, timely and quality implementation of decisions and — last but not least — paying tribute to all involved in the partnership, the conference will provide a platform for dialogue, networking and cooperation among stakeholders and partners at and between global, European, national and local levels.

CORRADO CLINI
Chairman of the Board of Directors
With its beneficiary countries moving inexorably towards international cooperation in 2004, the REC focused ever more sharply on the elements of successful partnership. The REC concentrates on two critical facets of partnership: versatility and expertise. With the transition to democracy and a market-based economy accelerating in Central and Eastern Europe, the need for environmental cooperation continues to grow.

The REC itself is a partnership that has been successfully developing over the last 15 years. The REC’s responsibilities expanded in 2004, continuing proof that its multistakeholder approach is well received and respected. Parallel to its earlier, ongoing regional assignments as secretariat of the REEEP Task Force and the Balkan Environmental Regulatory Compliance and Enforcement Network (BERGEN), the REC became CEE regional secretariat for the Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Partnership (REEEP) and the Italian government’s Mediterranean Renewable Type II Energy Initiative. Another new development was the REC’s active involvement with the European Environment Agency on topics of waste and biodiversity.

In addition, the REC contributed to the Environmental Experts Group on Structural Funds (DG Environment), the EAP Task Force, DABLAS, the OECD/DAC Working Group on SEA, the European Environment and Health Committee, and the UNEP Finance Initiative Task Force for Central Eastern Europe and many others. It also joined the Clean Fuels and Vehicles Partnership, with the potential to become a regional focal point.

The Fourth Ministerial Conference on Environment and Health, The Future for Our Children, held in Budapest in June 2004, invited the REC and other participating international organisations, within their mandates, to support implementation of the Children’s Environment and Health Action Plan (CEHAPE), and to integrate health issues into strategic environmental assessment, to support sustainable energy generation and the reduction of energy-related health risks, and other similar objectives.

The REC made advances in organisational development and specialisation in 2004. It introduced an internal system of topic areas that will help it better apply its internal expertise and 15 years of best practices. This system will allow the REC to better utilise its internal resources and to exploit the talents dispersed among its country offices.Securing resources for knowledge creation and management should contribute to a widening of in-house expertise and increased organisational knowledge, which will not only help to meet requirements, but also provide proactive solutions for the whole region.

The REC is completely focused on its mission to assist in the solving of environmental problems in Central and Eastern Europe. We deeply appreciate your support for our efforts.

MARTA SZIGETI BONIFERT
Executive Director
PARTNERSHIP
Every facet of the REC’s success hinges on dynamic effort within a cooperative framework. The REC’s 2004 activities reflect the dynamic interaction of coordinated teamwork. The REC works in a multitude of areas, including waste, environmental assessment, and legal drafting, just to name a few, and 2004 was no different. The May 1 EU enlargement of eight REC beneficiary countries was a heroic milestone for the organisation, one which allowed pause for reflection and a renewed vigour for further success.

Business and Environment Programme

EU DUTCH PRESIDENCY SUPPORT Several case studies and success stories have been identified in each of the new EU member states underpinning a strong message that EU accession is driving toward more eco-innovative behaviour and respective investments. The summary report confirmed that addressing environmental management is beneficial to sustainable economic growth. Through this work the REC contributed to the Clean, Clever and Competitive Initiative of the Dutch government.

RESOURCE AND WASTE MANAGEMENT The REC’s four-year participation in the EEA Topic Centre on Resource and Waste Management started in 2004. The REC is contributing to several key projects, including: integrated product policy; an EU-wide chemical information system; ex-post analyses of resource-relevant economic instruments; and an assessment of the effects of the Landfill and Waste Incineration Directives on waste minimisation.

RENEWABLE ENERGY The REC joined the Mediterranean Renewable Energy Programme and started to work on its expansion to the North East Mediterranean and Black Sea region, including the establishment of a sustainable energy training centre for this region. Thus the REC is building capacities and identifying investment opportunities for investors and developers in the renewable energy and energy efficiency sectors. The pre-feasibility study for this long-term and long-range development is under preparation.
**APPLIED RESEARCH** The REC has finalised two studies on waste management, in support of the European Commission’s Environmental Technology Action Program (ETAP).

In the Techno-Economic Outlooks on Waste Indicators (TEOWASTE), waste management scenarios up to 2020 indicated how communal and high-volume industrial (e.g. coal, and iron and steel industries) wastes will change, and what mix of waste management methods are expected in the new EU member states.

The Analysis of the Renewable Energy Sources Evolutions up to 2020 (FORRES) project for DG Transport and Energy included a study of renewable energy diffusion in the new EU member states. In addition, Europe’s most effective national policies in the given field were benchmarked. The FORRES project report received great international attention during the Bonn Renewables Conference in June.

The REC has been heavily involved in cutting-edge European studies conducted on clean technology diffusion. It has provided up-to-date information and various analyses on the status of environmental technologies, and of the existing policies and other driving forces for their large-scale penetration across the new member states.

In the Clean Technology Diffusion project, based on the studies of clean-tech in polluting industries across Europe, the REC led Europe-wide research on waste incineration. Barriers and drivers were identified and validated at stakeholder workshops. Policy suggestions were drawn up to ease the penetration of clean technologies.

The overall aim of Policy Pathways to Promote the Development and Adoption of Cleaner Technologies (POPA CTDA), a DG Research/FP6 project launched in 2004, is to contribute to the design of comprehensive and integrated environmental and technology policies for promoting pro-environment innovative behaviour in firms and households across EU member states and accession countries. Although the identification of drivers and barriers is of primary importance to the project, once they are soundly identified, strong emphasis will be placed on policy design.

**Capacity Building Programme**

**GREEN PACK: MULTI-MEDIA EDUCATION RESOURCE KIT** The success of the REC’s multimedia education kit was continued and expanded in 2004. Both the number of countries participating and the types of donor support were increased. The key to this expansion was the crucial involvement and commitment in all stages of local partners in developing the packs and tailoring them to individual educational and country contexts.

National versions of the Green Pack were launched in Slovakia and the Czech Republic, and teacher training programmes were initiated. Toyota has been the main supporter of this education initiative, and this partnership demonstrates the possibility of linking the REC’s mission with corporate social programmes.

The programme has begun developing Albanian, Azerbaijani and Russian versions. These are scheduled for finalisation in 2005. The REC is looking to expand the project to more South East European (SEE) countries and Turkey, and plans to develop materials for a younger target audience.
TRAINING FOR YOUNG ENVIRONMENTAL LEADERS  
The programme continued to equip young environmental leaders from non-governmental organisations across CEE with the skills they need to improve their work and strengthen their organisations. In 2004, the REC offered the most number of sessions and participants since the programme began in 1993. There were eight groups, each one month long and comprising six participants. Six of these groups were run in cooperation with L’Umana Dimora Onlus, the REC’s Italian NGO partner. The remaining two groups were composed of young environmental leaders from Eastern Europe, the Caucasus, and parts of Central Asia.

In August, as a part of the Rimini Meeting 2004, former Young Leaders were invited to participate in a review of the programme, and to contribute to a debate with CEE government officials on prospects for sustainability in the newly expanded Europe.

COURSE FOR SUSTAINABILITY  
A major new project started this year with the opening of the Course for Sustainability training programme. This course equips senior governmental officials from Bulgaria, Croatia, Hungary, Poland, Romania, Serbia and Montenegro, Slovenia and Turkey who are responsible for the three pillars of sustainable development (economic growth, social progress and environmental protection) by providing the tools and understanding needed to develop the strategies, methodologies, policies and actions necessary for sustainable development in Central and Eastern Europe. It is designed to give civil servants from various ministries (not only environmental ministries) a chance to examine the major approaches to sustainable development.

The first course started in April and finished in September, and the second course has been in progress since October of 2004. So far, over 100 civil servants from the target countries have participated. The course is run in partnership with Venice International University, Agroinnova, and Central European University.

Climate Change Programme

SUPPORT FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE UNFCCC AND KYOTO PROTOCOL  
Following a similar assessment conducted by the REC in 2001 for six CEE countries, a policy assessment was made for Lithuania and Croatia (to comply with requirements of the Kyoto Protocol), and Bosnia and Herzegovina, and Serbia and Montenegro (to assess capacity needs for preparation of a Greenhouse Gas inventory). The REC organised a side event to the UNFCCC COP-10 in December in Buenos Aires on the capacity needs of climate change policy development in the SEE countries and Turkey. Results of the aforementioned assessment for Bosnia and Herzegovina and Serbia and Montenegro were presented. Furthermore, experiences and lessons learned from the development of Feasibility Studies for Joint Implementation (JI) were reported.

JOINT IMPLEMENTATION  
Databases of legislative and administrative framework for developing JI projects, along with analyses of economic sectors most relevant to JI, were updated for 10 CEE countries. A detailed assessment of JI potential was made for Bulgaria, the Czech Republic and Poland. Also, a feasibility study was conducted for two concrete JI project ideas: district heating extension in Bulgaria, and a biomass power plant in the Czech Republic.
GREENHOUSE GAS INVENTORY This project aims to build capacity for improving the quality of national GHG inventories in 12 CEE and Eastern European, Caucasus and Central Asian (EECCA) countries. Two regional workshops were held in the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia in June, and in Uzbekistan in October 2004 with around 55 participants from 15 countries and international experts at each meeting. During the first half of the year, the Electronic Discussion Group Regional Forum was launched to facilitate an exchange of information.

REEEP In July the REC was designated the regional secretariat of CEE activities for the Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Partnership—a global initiative launched by the UK government. The regional secretariat focuses on developing policy and regulatory frameworks and identifying innovative financing. The REC organised two workshops in 2004 to promote activities in CEE and Turkey, as well as to discuss the direction and aims of the regional secretariat. By special request from the REEEP international secretariat, the REC also played an important role in developing the structure of a global Information Clearing House.

INVESTMENT The REC reviewed the status of renewable energy policy and Green Investment Scheme development in several CEE countries.

Country and Field Office Network

The REC’s office network was reshaped in 2004 according to its restructuring strategy. Three regional directorates were established: New Member States, South Eastern European Countries, and Turkey. The following list contains the key projects executed by the office network.

NEW MEMBER STATES

Czech Republic Country Office Czech Republic continued work on strategic environmental assessment by developing an SEA for sectoral concepts for the North Moravia region and supporting the development of good practices in the country. It implemented the project People to Nature Nature to People in cooperation with country offices in Poland and Slovakia to enhance stakeholder communication in Natura 2000-related areas.

Estonia Country Office Estonia effectively implemented the project Informing Estonian Teachers about EU Environmental Policy. It also prepared an environmental assessment of Estonia’s Single Programming Document.

Hungary Country Office Hungary was a main organiser of the European Environment and Health Ministerial Conference in Budapest, and facilitated the Healthy Planet Forum, a civil society side-event to this conference. It also trained 300 environmental and water inspectors in implementation of EU environmental legislation.

Latvia Country Office Latvia established new relations at the national level in support of its activities related to public involvement in river basin planning. It is also working on extending its activities to Belarus.

Lithuania Country Office Lithuania assessed the country’s ability to comply with the Kyoto Protocol. It also built an interactive website that helps teachers to develop innovative lessons on sustainability.

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Helped are those who create anything at all, for they shall relive the thrill of their own conception and realise a partnership in the creation of the Universe that keeps them responsible and cheerful.

Alice Walker

SUNNY SIDE UP

Sunflowers, a traditional crop in many REC countries, are often featured on organic farms.

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Poland Country Office Poland worked on strengthening communication concerning nature conservation particularly in relation to the Natura 2000 network establishment in Poland. It continued dissemination of the Green Pack multimedia project.

Slovakia Country Office Slovakia organised the student essay competition Sustainable Ways of Living. It also worked on developing a cross-border partnership for building a network of parks: The Great Gardens under Enns.

Slovenia Country Office Slovenia successfully delivered capacity building services via a technical assistance project for management of the Cross-Border Cooperation Small Projects Fund Slovenia/Italy. It played a strong role in the Italian-Slovenian Industrial Sustainable Development Partnership, which is aimed at catalyzing country commitment to industrial sustainable development, eco-efficiency and an environmental management programme.

SOUTH EASTERN EUROPE

Albania Country Office Albania managed the trust fund for Local Environmental Initiated Projects, contributed to the cross-border cooperation with Montenegro on promotion of networks and exchanges in the countries of South Eastern Europe, Shkoder Lake and on local environment action plans for municipalities of the Korca region.

Bosnia and Herzegovina Country Office Bosnia and Herzegovina helped develop a number of local environmental action plans, contributed to institutional strengthening of the Ministries of Environment in Republika Srpska and the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina. It also supported the Sava Interim Commission (Secretariat), as well as the environmental NGOs.

Bulgaria Country Office Bulgaria was involved in activities supporting the PRTR Protocol, Aarhus Convention implementation and the Clean Fuels and Vehicles Partnership.

Croatia Country Office Croatia organised several training programmes related to financial engineering for cleaner production, energy efficiency and renewables, developing energy efficiency principles in SMEs, and public participation in environmental decision making. It continued its contribution to cross-border cooperation with Bosnia and Herzegovina in the Neretva Delta region, focusing primarily on eco-tourism, organic farming, and environmental education issues.

Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia Office activities included capacity building on project cycle management for governmental institutions, developing national methodology and LEAPs in six municipalities, assisting implementation of the new EIA regulation, providing expert input for the air sector under the National Environmental Action Plan, and assessing community environmental awareness around Prespa Lake.

Romania Country Office Romania conducted an assessment of costs and benefits for implementing the environmental acquis in Romania, and worked on environmental management (EMAS and eco-labeling), the LEAPs Plan (Olt County Council), and green business development in the Brad Area.

Serbia and Montenegro Country Office Serbia and Montenegro assisted three municipalities in Serbia in solving environmental problems, provided services for organising workshops based on U.S. EPA training modules, facilitated access to environmental information, drafted regulations on the conditions and procedures for defining state liability for past environmental damage caused by enterprises under privatisation, drafted legislation on EIA, SEA and IPPC Directive in Serbia and in Montenegro.
Kosovo (territory currently under interim UN administration) This Office worked on the Kosovar Environmental Action Plan, introduced strategic community development principles in Kosovo, and accessed environmental information as a tool for solving environmental problems.

TURKEY
Country Office Turkey assessed the needs of environmental stakeholders, oversaw a Turkish edition of Green Horizon magazine (Yesil Ufuklar), provided environmental information exchange services, strengthened institutional capacity for legal, institutional, technical and financial issues related to the EU approximation process in the field of environment, and conducted training courses for NGOs and local authorities, and managed a grants programme for enabling NGOs and their capacities.

Environmental Policy and Local Initiatives

BIODIVERSITY, AGRICULTURE, AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT Activities focused on three cross-border areas: West Stara Planina (WSP), Neretva Delta and Shkoder Lake. They followed four interrelated directions: promotion of sustainable use of shared resources; capacity building of local stakeholders; dialogue/partnership; and education. Results from 2004 include an environmental manual for teachers and a guide for students to the birds of the Neretva Delta in Croatia and Bosnia and Herzegovina; a regional ecotourism action plan for WSP in Bulgaria; a strategic document on sustainable agriculture in WSP in Serbia; a tourist trail developed by five municipalities and 10 settlements in WSP in Bulgaria; and six local environmental action plans for municipalities in Albania and Serbia and Montenegro that are under development.

In May the REC organised a regional meeting on sustainable agriculture and nature conservation for representatives of ministries and other governmental bodies responsible for agriculture and nature conservation, as well as for relevant and interested NGOs from SEE countries.

An educational trail was established in the Hutovo Blato Nature Park (Bosnia and Herzegovina) to attract school groups for nature education. Basic facts about the park and its biodiversity was presented on information boards.

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT The REC’s work with environmental assessment aims to enhance integration of environmental issues into decision making by extending the use of EIA and SEA, supporting reforms that improve transparency, increasing accountability and effectiveness in environmental decision making, and developing locally appropriate procedures and practices.

In 2004 the REC’s SEA Training Manual for South East Europe was presented to the Working Group of the UNECE Espoo Convention and its SEA Protocol. As a result, the REC was mandated to elaborate the official Training Resource Manual for the SEA Protocol. The REC was also mandated to serve as lead institution for elaboration of the official Capacity Development Manual for the new SEA Protocol.

The REC also assisted in design and delivery of the first Advanced International EIA Training Course for South East Europe, which was provided on behalf of SIDA by Ramboll Natura.
Five national kick-off workshops were organised in selected EECCA countries on the UNDP/REC project on Capacity Development for Implementation of the UNECE SEA Protocol in Moldova, Georgia, Armenia, Belarus and Ukraine. These workshops served as SEA capacity-building and launching events for pilot projects.

The REC, together with partner NGO from Russia, Ecoline EA Centre, began implementation of a project: Strengthening of Local Planning in the Russian Federation through Strategic Environmental Assessment. During the first year, two pilot applications of Integrated Assessment and Planning following UNEP methodology have been completed in the Tomsk region, and a number of capacity building seminars and trainings took place in four pilot project locations in Russia (Republic of Tatarstan, Tomsk, Vologda and Rostov regions.

The REC provided input for development of the UNEP’s global methodology for Integrated Assessment and Planning for Sustainable Development, and assisted in the pilot testing of this new approach to impact assessment in Brazil, Colombia, Chile, the Czech Republic and Russia.

The REC contributed to the SEA Distance Learning Course for China elaborated by the World Bank, the State Environmental Protection Agency of China and the International Association for Impact Assessment by producing a video summarising lessons learned from the introduction of SEA in CEE. Lectures were given at three workshops on SEA implementation in China.

**ENVIRONMENTAL FINANCING**

The REC provides technical assistance in the area of strategic environmental investment planning for decision makers, financial implications of EU directives, formulation of environmental investment projects, design and improvement of financial mechanisms (environmental funds and economic instruments), and mapping business opportunities.

Work on implementation of the Priority Environmental Investment Programme for South East Europe continued in 2004. Workshops for environmental authorities and managers of environmental hot spots were held on the formulation of environmental investments in the air, water, and waste sectors. Strategies were elaborated for investment project formulation and development.

In March 2004 a conference for environmental authorities from CEE, SEE and EECCA countries was organised in Bratislava. Joining the EU provided officials with an opportunity to discuss the transfer of lessons learned from acceding countries of the European Union to other regions (SEE, EECCA).

The European Network of Environmental Funds and State Aid Agencies meeting was organised in March. The network builds on earlier REC experience with CEE and SEE environmental funds.

The Performance Review of the Macedonian Environmental Fund was accomplished. This report reviewed all aspects of fund operations and provided recommendations for increasing future efficiency. A report was completed about business opportunities for Spanish environmental companies in the field of waste management in Poland and the Czech Republic. Case studies were accomplished on sustainability management and reporting guidelines in commercial banks throughout selected CEE countries for UNEP Finance Initiative. A report for Enviros and Toshiba was completed on preparations for implementation of Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) Directive in Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland and Hungary.

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Each of us is here for a brief sojourn; for what purpose he knows not, though he senses it. But without deeper reflection one knows from daily life that one exists for other people.

Albert Einstein
1879-1955
LOCAL AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT The REC supports sustainability in environmental investments made at local and regional levels, specifically targeting the use of public funds. In 2004 the REC organised several events providing training, information, and opportunities for networking, exchange of experience and the development of common platforms on key issues related to local- and regional-level environmental planning and investment.

The REC organised the conference The Environmental Aspects of Structural Funds and the Cohesion Fund. The conference marked the first time environmental authorities, NGOs, and Structural Funds managing authorities from new EU member states came together to discuss the integration of environmental issues into planning, programming and implementation of the funds, and led to the participation of the REC in several EU-wide networks devoted to this issue.

The project Greening Regional Development Programmes was named by the Interreg IIIC West Secretariat to a partnership led by the UK Environment Agency South-West. The REC is one of 16 partners in this three-year, EUR 1.6 million project, which will evaluate practices in regional development planning and public investment across Europe, with special emphasis on the Structural Funds. This project is the first major Interreg partnership, which the REC has joined and will provide good experience with the use of this EU programme as a source of funding.

The REC organised the second stakeholder forum for the Drina River Basin in Serbia and Bosnia and Herzegovina. At the forum, stakeholders reviewed a feasibility study and work plan for a solution to the problems of waste accumulation in the region. The feasibility study formed the basis for a successful grant application to the Norwegian government to support the purchase of lake-cleaning equipment.

SECTORAL INTEGRATION AND SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT The REC works to develop regional cooperation among public transport stakeholders in the new EU member states and candidate countries of CEE to enable the promotion of sustainable public transport in the region and address public transport problems within the framework of sectoral integration.

The Stationed for Sustainable Transport workshop on impacts of transport on environment and health was organised in June for a discussion on integration of environmental, health and transport policy areas while drafting national sustainable development plans. Also discussed were IT tools for effective public transport and traffic management and strategic environmental assessment.

In September, site visits of public transport practitioners were organised to Krakow and Warsaw, based on the theme of Arriving at Sustainable Transport. The REC held an April workshop and organised a study tour to Graz and Budapest on options for financing public transport in EU new member states and candidate countries.

In addition, case studies on public transport needs, development priorities and financing in six European capitals, along with expert policy analysis and suggestions for sectoral integration were published in September 2004.

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TISZA DIAGNOSTIC AUDIT This project, completed in 2004, produced five national assessments of the policy, legal and institutional frameworks for sustainable water management in each Tisza River Basin country (Hungary, Romania, Serbia and Montenegro, Slovakia and Ukraine). It also produced a regional assessment, with analysis and recommendations for the improvement of transboundary cooperation in this important area. The final report is a major background document by the UNDP for the development of a PDF-B proposal for GEF funding for the Tisza.

SAVA RIVER BASIN INITIATIVE The Interim Sava Commission welcomed the draft legal constituent documents prepared by the REC that will enable a permanent commission to be established and begin its work. Also, the legal working group took up the drafts for further negotiations. The drafts included: rules of procedure, seat agreement, staff regulations, financial rules and terms of reference of the secretariat. The REC also produced three draft protocols: Emergency Situations; Transboundary Impacts; and Prevention and Control of Pollution from Vessels.

FOREIGN DIRECT INVESTMENT The text of the Governance Principles for Foreign Direct Investment in Hazardous Activities was finalised through the work of a broad group of experts and stakeholders. The Governance Principles have received praise from industry, governmental representatives, UNEP, UNECE and the Directorate Generals for Trade and Commerce of the European Commission. One workshop (Responsible Foreign Investors: Protecting Future Generations through Governance Principles) packed a room at the Healthy Planet Forum in June in Budapest. The Governance Principals were discussed, as were their potential application to proposed hazardous investments, such as the controversial Rosia Montana gold mining project.

SUPPORT FOR ENVIRONMENTAL LAW DRAFTING IN SEE Intense activity at both the regional and entity levels took place throughout 2004, including regional workshops on the Integrated Pollution Prevention and Control Directive (April), the Water Framework Directive (October), and a chemicals legislation workshop (November). Focused assistance covered various topics, with an emphasis on chemicals-related legislation in Serbia and Montenegro, and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.

AIMS, ELAACs Final activities took place under REReP 1.12 AIMS (Support for Acceptance and Implementation of Multilateral Environmental Agreements in South Eastern Europe) and ELAACs (Environmental Legal Advocacy and Advisory Centres for South Eastern Europe). The last events were national workshops on the Basel Convention, the Rotterdam PIC Convention and the Mediterranean Emergency Situations Protocol in Montenegro, Serbia and Croatia. The last scheduled meeting of the Environmental Advocacy Network for South Eastern Europe was held in April in Croatia. Fundraising efforts are underway for continued support to networks started under these projects (namely, Multilateral Environmental Agreements, or MEAs), and on environmental advocacy.

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The Centre for Environmental Information and Education reconstructs wetlands in Bulgaria as part of the regional Danube Nutrient Reduction Project.
Information Programme

LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SERVICES The library, a valuable information source and reference service on the environment in the CEE region, provided its services on-and off-line in 2005 supporting REC staff, visiting interns and fellows, environmental stakeholders and the public at large both within and beyond the region. It also laid the foundations for a network of similar environmental information centres across the region.

DIRECTORY OF ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION CENTRES, RESOURCES AND SERVICES A directory was published with information on libraries from 15 countries and includes contact data for each library as well as detailed breakdowns of their holdings. The directory also provides recommendations on how a network of environmental libraries in Central and Eastern Europe and their capacities could be developed. The directory was finalised, printed and distributed in 2004.

GREEN HORIZON Green Horizon is the title of the new quarterly magazine of the REC. The full-colour publication was launched at the Fourth Ministerial Conference on Environment and Health in Budapest. The first Green Horizon roundtable, Environment and Health in CEE’s Media Pages, was organised as a major press event to the conference. Green Horizon replaced the REC’s 13-year old quarterly, The Bulletin, whose readership includes more than 20,000 environmental professionals from Central and Eastern Europe and around the world.

TRAINING ENVIRONMENT AND HEALTH JOURNALISTS In partnership with the Reuters Foundation and the Bellagio Forum for Sustainable Development, the REC hosted a training workshop for 14 leading environmental and health journalists from CEE.

ELECTRONIC NETWORKING Altogether four training courses were organised over the course of 2004. They were implemented in cooperation with an Italian project partner, L’Umana Dimora, in Rome. The trainings covered network business planning, facilitation skills, on-line content management and technical skills. In August the project was represented at a major international cultural festival in Rimini, Italy. By the end of the year all supported networks had established active on-line information portals.

International Secretariats

REREP As the secretariat for the Regional Environmental Reconstruction Programme for South Eastern Europe (REREP), the REC organised the seventh REREP task force meeting in September 2004 in Belgrade. An independent external review of REREP was issued in January 2004. It evaluates the results of international support, including REREP management, content and impact, and recommends new directions for the future. The REREP external review was presented and discussed at the seventh REREP TF meeting and, based on the review recommendations and discussions, the European Commission prepared a paper entitled Regional Environmental Reconstruction Programme: The Way Forward on the direction of future work within REREP to be discussed at the next meeting in Brussels 2005.

Imagine what a harmonious world it could be if every single person, both young and old, shared a little of what he is good at doing.

Quincy Jones
International community interest in the REReP process remained strong in 2004. Following the European Union’s historic enlargement, some of the new EU member states were present for the first time as donors at the latest meeting of the REReP Task Force.

The REReP Secretariat’s work focuses on the facilitation of regional cross-border cooperation, taking into consideration important documents such as joint statements and conclusions from meetings of the SEE Ministers of Environment, Heads of Delegations and SEE Senior Officials. These documents address the progress achieved and common problems with implementation of the Stabilisation and Association process (SAP) and propose priorities for future assistance within the SAP, which is the driving force for environmental improvement in the region. Two meetings of Senior Officials on cross-border cooperation from Stabilisation and Association process countries took place in Belgrade in 2004: the first one in May was to implement the decisions of the sixth REReP TF meeting of 2003 to enhance cross-border cooperation; the second was a follow-up meeting to present and agree upon specific cross-border project ideas. It was held in Belgrade in September 2004, one day before the seventh meeting of the REReP Task Force, at which the conclusions and outcomes of both meetings were presented.

BERCEN/ECENA The Balkan Environmental Regulatory Compliance and Enforcement Network (BERCEN), as an informal, country-driven network of enforcement authorities from SEE countries, contributed to improve the implementation and enforcement of environmental law by increasing the effectiveness of enforcement agencies and promoting compliance with environmental regulations. The REC provided the network secretariat and implemented BERCEN’s multi-annual work programme. In line with the work programme, a Train the Trainer course on IPPC permitting for environmental inspectors and permit writers was organised in Serbia and Montenegro in March. The session was designed to take into consideration the already built-up experience of environmental inspectors engaged in network activities over the past two years. Activities included an Exchange Programme in Prague, a comprehensive study tour of various cities in Poland, and a regional training programme in Ireland on the LCP directive. Network inspectors participated in various IMPEL projects that contributed further toward strengthening links with inspectorates from EU member states. BERCEN inspectors also participated in OECD and INECE-organised projects and exchanged experience with other similar networks.

The third BERCEN Plenary Meeting was held in December in Brussels, at which the EC presented its vision of BERCEN becoming a pre-accession network for pre-candidate, candidate and acceding countries. At its extraordinary plenary meeting, held on March 18, 2005 in Sofia, BERCEN was transformed into a pre-accession network and was enlarged with the addition of Bulgaria and Romania. The European Commission also became a network member, and Turkey was invited to join. The European Commission pledged to multiply funding for new network activities. Following the transformation and enlargement, the network’s new name is the Environmental Compliance and Enforcement Network for Accession (ECENA). ECENA will work closely with IMPEL.
Italian Trust Fund

The ITF operates within the framework of environmental improvement and cooperation in the countries of Central and Eastern Europe (CEE). Its activities are consistent with the REC’s mission and complementary to other REC programmes i.e. sharing the same ambition to strive for a solution to environmental problems afflicting the CEE region. Thanks to the generous support of the Italian government, several activities have been carried out throughout the whole CEE region.

SUSTAINABILITY ITF-funded programmes were directed at senior governmental officials from CEE countries who have primary responsibility for policy making in the three pillars of sustainable development: economic growth, social progress and environmental protection. Those who participated in the training course on strategies, methodologies, policies and actions for sustainable development issues in Central and Eastern Europe were from those national ministries or regional agencies which are primarily responsible for the elaboration of sustainable development in policy making.

HEALTH The ITF supported the first National Breathing Day side-event at the Fourth Ministerial Conference on Environment and Health in Hungary. The campaign is devoted to increasing citizen awareness of respiratory diseases. Furthermore, the project includes an important component a training program in Hungarian schools concerning Indoor Air Quality.

ENERGY The ITF advocated policies and practices that promote the use of renewable energy sources and energy efficiency in CEE, Turkey and the Mediterranean area. REC activities that promote renewable energy sources in the Mediterranean area were supported within the framework of the Mediterranean Renewable Energy Programme Initiative (MEDREP).

NGOS The ITF joined the effort to support institutional capacity building of CEE NGOs via the Training for Young Environmental Leaders and Environmental NGO Electronic Networking in SEE programmes.

Japan Special Fund

The Japan Special Fund of the REC, established in 1993, is a mechanism through which the government of Japan supports the REC in its efforts to solve environmental problems of the CEE region. The current priority areas of the Japan Special Fund include support for implementation of UNFCCC and the Kyoto Protocol and support for SEE countries to improve their basic environmental condition. In fiscal year 2004/5, the JSF supported the following projects:

- co-funding to REEEP regional secretariat work;
- a waste management training course in Bulgaria;
- development of a Framework National Strategy for climate change in Serbia and Montenegro; and
- assistance for implementation of the new EIA/SEA regulations in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.

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PRIMED MINISTERS A joint statement from Japanese Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi and his Hungarian counterpart, Ferenc Gyorcsany, was issued after their meeting in Tokyo on October 25, 2004. The two leaders congratulated the Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC) and the Regional Environmental Center for their expressed efforts to cooperate in identifying and formulating potential joint implementation projects in Central and Eastern Europe through the effective use of the technology and know-how of Japanese companies. The two countries stressed that special attention must be given to cooperation in the fields of science, technology and environment.

NGO Support Programme

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IN THE BALKANS The grant programme Sustainable Development Grants for the Western Balkans, which was financed by the European Commission, aims to provide the financial assistance required for non-governmental organisations in the Western Balkans to further their role in promoting sustainability. The programme includes a region-wide cooperative granting component and national-level grants in Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Serbia and Montenegro, and Kosovo (territory under interim UN administration).

After two rounds of calls for proposals, the REC awarded 71 grants at the national level worth a total amount of EUR 552,329. The programme also supported regional cooperation between non-governmental organisations in the Western Balkans through the Regional Grants programme. As a result of the selection process, six regional projects involving 16 non-governmental organisations from the Western Balkan countries (with financial support worth EUR 162,742) are now addressing the issues surrounding sustainable development in a number of areas. The topics range from genetically modified organisms, soft tourism and ecological agriculture to Local Agenda 21 and transport.

DANUBE REGIONAL GRANTS The Danube Regional Project Grants scheme is a component of the Danube Regional Project. It is managed at the REC’s head office in cooperation with REC offices in nine countries situated along the Danube River. The goal of the project is to facilitate NGO and stakeholder action at regional and national levels by addressing point- and non-point sources of nutrient and toxic pollution in the Danube Basin.

As part of the first grants, around 65 projects were selected through the REC’s granting scheme at national and regional levels—involving over 70 NGOs to the tune of almost USD 700,000. Supported projects are being implemented in all 11 targeted countries. Five of the projects supported are regional in scope, involving NGOs from more than one country. These projects focus on transboundary cooperation, regional networking, stakeholder cooperation, best practices in agriculture, and the basin/sub-basin approach to decision making.
Public Participation Programme

POLLUTION RELEASE AND TRANSFER REGISTER The REC developed projects on capacity building to enable the development of a pilot PRTR system in CEE. A project that focused on the Czech Republic provided technical assistance for the operation and actual development of a PRTR system through workshops, study tours, guidance and resource materials, and website development. Another project, implemented in Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland and Slovakia, assisted the development of strategies for setting up national registers in line with EU requirements and the UNECE PRTR Protocol. It supported the assessment of legislative and institutional frameworks, identifying gaps, and discussing needs and possible steps toward future development of PRTR systems in dialogue with stakeholders, as well as in regional and national workshops.

AARHUS CONVENTION The REC participated in the EC’s consultation with EU member states, new member states and candidate countries concerning implementation of the Aarhus Convention in February. It also gave one of the keynote speeches at an EC conference on the Aarhus Convention for NGOs from New Member States. User guides for officials and civil society and training materials were published in English, Russian and local languages within the framework of the Europe Aid-funded project Environmental Information, Education and Public Awareness, which offers practical help to officials in six EECCA countries in implementing the convention. The REC also helped to develop and implement national and local pilot projects improving public access to information and public participation, and supported capacity building and training events. The lessons learned during the pilot projects were described in a good practice booklet. All materials produced during the project have been made available on the REC website and were broadly distributed via hard copy and CD-ROM.

The project Support Developing Strategy for Implementation of the Aarhus Convention in SEE was completed. Another publication concerning project outcomes, A Good Fit: Tailoring the Aarhus Convention to the Needs of SEE, included English and local-language leaflets on regional and country activities and the results of pilot project grants. Implementation strategies and action plans were developed in each SEE country, along with legislative, institutional and practical recommendations, and methodologies for improvement. Roughly 1,000 officials, NGOs and other stakeholders, parliamentarians and journalists participated in different training and capacity-building workshops.

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We have audited the accompanying balance sheet of the Regional Environmental Center for Central and Eastern Europe (the Organisation) as of December 31, 2004, and the related statements of revenue, expense and changes in fund balances and cash flows for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Organisation’s management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing. Those Standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Organisation as of December 31, 2004, and of the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards.

ERNST & YOUNG
• Budapest, Hungary • April 1, 2005

STATEMENT OF CONTRIBUTIONS
December 31, 2004

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COOPERATION
For more than a decade the REC has acted as a reliable, transparent conduit between donor organisations and NGOs in Central and Eastern Europe. Two regional cooperative grants were the main focus of the REC’s grant-giving in 2004: the Danube Regional Project, which spooned out more than half a million euros, and Developing Regional NGO Activities for Sustainable Development, which distributed grants in nine riparian countries. As ever, all granting processes were advertised widely, and grantees were chosen according to specific criteria by an expert panel.

**Head Office**

**Danube Regional Project — Cooperative Grants**

United Nations Development Programme — Global Environment Facility (UNDP-GEF)

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<td>Daphne Centre for Applied Ecology</td>
<td>Pressing Nutrient and Toxic Pollution in the Sub-Basins of the Morava, Mura and Ogosta Rivers</td>
<td>Centre for Environmental Information and Education, Bulgaria; Biological Centre of Pomurje, Slovenia</td>
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<td>Galati Eco-Counselling Centre</td>
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<td>Pro-Bio Association of Organic Farmers</td>
<td>Support and Promotion of Ecological Agriculture in Production Areas Located in the Danube Basin</td>
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<td>Hrušová Friends of the Earth (Czech Republic)</td>
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<td>Sosna Civic Association</td>
<td>Networking River Coalitions for a Healthy Watershed</td>
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**Total** 207,754
GRANTS AWARDED

Developing Regional NGO Activities for Sustainable Development — Cooperative Grants
European Commission — EuropeAid Office

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<td>Proaktiva (Skopje)</td>
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<td>Green Network of Alternative Groups, Croatia</td>
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Lake Cleaning Equipment
Royal Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Norway

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Trust Fund for Locally Initiated Environmental Projects
Royal Netherlands Embassy in Albania

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<td>Puka Eco-Tourism Association</td>
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### Forestry Progress
- **Grants Awarded**: 18,300

### Elbasan Association for a Healthy Albania
- **Grants Awarded**: 9,850

### Mat Association for Protection and Development of the Environment
- **Grants Awarded**: 8,296

### Association of Shirex Farmers
- **Grants Awarded**: 5,164

### Association for Sustainable Development
- **Grants Awarded**: 5,000

### Association for Geneticists and Seed Producers
- **Grants Awarded**: 10,000

### Mirasi Farmers Association
- **Grants Awarded**: 9,980

### Aginas Enrose
- **Grants Awarded**: 8,510

### Lura Forest Association
- **Grants Awarded**: 9,990

### Development of the Environment Association of Shkreli Farmers
- **Grants Awarded**: 5,164

### Association for Sustainable Development Antigonea Environmental Park
- **Grants Awarded**: 5,000

### Association of Geneticists and Seed Producers Tradition and Sustainable Development in Priska
- **Grants Awarded**: 10,000

### Mirasi Farmers Association Rehabilitation of Urban Zone in Miras Commune
- **Grants Awarded**: 9,980

### Agrinas Enrose Environmental Improvement of Selenica Village, Erseka
- **Grants Awarded**: 8,510

### Lura Forest Association Creation of Green Areas in Urban Area Commune, Mirdita
- **Grants Awarded**: 9,990

### Forests for the People Association Improvement of Environment in Gjegjan Commune, Puke
- **Grants Awarded**: 7,750

### Krume Association of Forest Improvement of Green Areas in Kruma
- **Grants Awarded**: 9,330

### Tirane Association for Socio-Environmental Protection and Development in Bria
- **Grants Awarded**: 9,750

### Albania District Forest Federation Protective Measures and Improvements for Urban Environments in Peshkopi and Burrel
- **Grants Awarded**: 9,615

### Regional Environmental Board (Rubik) Improvement of Green Areas in Rubik Town
- **Grants Awarded**: 10,000

### Association of Communal Forests and Kukur Grasslands (Gramsh)
- **Grants Awarded**: 5,000

### National Center for the Environmental Movement Protection and Value Awareness
- **Grants Awarded**: 10,000

### Tomori and its Managers Construction of a Green Area at the School and Sanitary Center of Roshnik Commune, Berat
- **Grants Awarded**: 8,780

### TOTAL
- **Grants Awarded**: 371,042

### Developing Regional NGO Activities for Sustainable Development — National Grants

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- **Grants Awarded**: 94,785
## BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

### Development of Local Environmental Action Plans

Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA)

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<td>Mother and Child Womens' Association (Rudo)</td>
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<td>Agro-Net Rural Development Union (Banja Luka)</td>
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<td>Internews BiH Sarajevo</td>
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<td>Promotion of Sustainable Development in the Protected Area of Kozara National Park</td>
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<td>International Forum Bosnia (Mostar Regional Centre)</td>
<td>Small Settlement Development in BiH: One Factor for Poverty Reduction</td>
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<td>Bura Eco-Association (Mostar)</td>
<td>Education, Public Participation and Promotion of Sustainable Development Principles in Herzegovina, Neretva Canton</td>
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<td>Association of Networks for Economic Cooperation (Sarajevo)</td>
<td>Transition from Conventional to Organic Agriculture</td>
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<td>Association for Development, Advancement and Promotion of Ecological Agriculture, Tourism and Environment Protection (Tuzla)</td>
<td>Conservation of Traditional Cheese Production in Tuzla Canton</td>
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### Support for Environmental Non-Governmental Organisations — LEAP Development

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<td>Raising Public Awareness of Farmers on Application of Fertilisers, and Good Agricultural Practices Aimed at Prevention of Diffuse Pollution of Water Resources</td>
<td>Public Waterworks enterprise (Srebrenik); Srebrenik municipality; September 9th Organisation</td>
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<td>Eco-Green Association (Srebrenik)</td>
<td>Ecological Protection of the Tinja River</td>
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<td>Eco-Green Citizens’ Association (Kalesija)</td>
<td>Springs, Natural and Mineral Water of Mt. Majevica</td>
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<td>Association of Doctors and Health Assistants on Social Medicine and Public Health (Tuzla)</td>
<td>Risk assessment of Citizens’ Health at Future Water Catchment, Lake Modrac</td>
<td>Tuzla Canton Institute for Public Health</td>
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<td>Public Participation in Water Management of the Vrbas River Basin</td>
<td>Ministry of Physical Planning and Environmental Protection of Tuzla Canton; Tuzla Canton Chamber of Commerce; Institute for Protection, Environment and Education (Tuzla)</td>
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<td>Eco-Greens Ecological Movement (Tuzla)</td>
<td>Diminishing Pollution at Lake Modrac, a Potential Water Supply for Tuzla Canton</td>
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<td>Ekotim (Sarajevo)</td>
<td>Waste Recycling: A Step toward the Future</td>
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<td>Futura Plus (Teslic)</td>
<td>Development of Ecological Standards in Djuric Municipality</td>
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<td>Sanus (Prijedor)</td>
<td>Proper Waste Management</td>
<td>Famlija NGO (Prijedor)</td>
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<td>Eko Neretva (Jablanica)</td>
<td>Waste Selection and Sustainable Development for Jablanica Municipality</td>
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<td>Center for Energy and Ecology (Tuzla)</td>
<td>Let’s Compost Together</td>
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<td>Eco Zone (Sipovo)</td>
<td>For a Cleaner Sipovo Municipality</td>
<td>Sipovo Municipality; Nemanja Vlakovic Primary School (Sipovo); Petar Kocic Secondary School (Sipovo); Iska Radio Club, “Best Radio” (Sipovo)</td>
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<td>Eco Movement 2001 (G. Vukuf/Uškoplje)</td>
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<td>Green Vrbas (Srbc)</td>
<td>Knowing Pesticides and Their Uses</td>
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<td>Eco Tim (Sarajevo)</td>
<td>No Phosphors</td>
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<td>EcoS Ecological Society, Banja Luka</td>
<td>Ecological View on Waters in Vrbas River Vrbas</td>
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<td>Fondeko (Sarajevo)</td>
<td>Nutrient Source Reduction in Visoko and Kladanj Municipalities</td>
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<td>Flora &amp; Fauna Ecological Association (Milici)</td>
<td>Protection of the Jadar River</td>
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<td>Centre for Environmentally Sustainable Development, Sarajevo</td>
<td>Building Local Community Partnerships against Nutrient Pollution</td>
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<td>Protection and Model Restoration of Flood Plain Forests</td>
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<td>Environmental Protection Society, Beogradski</td>
<td>Improvement of the Environmental State of Dabravka Dam</td>
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<td>Ecoglasnost, Veliko Tarnovo</td>
<td>Development of Partnership for the Reduction of Pollution of the Yantra River Basin</td>
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<td>Ecomission 21st Century, Lovech</td>
<td>Care and Responsibility for Our River</td>
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<td>Black Sea NGO Network, Varna</td>
<td>Ecoaccent: Plant Growing in Dobrudzha</td>
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<td>Cleaner Production</td>
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<td>Europe House Vukovar</td>
<td>Promoting Methods of Eco and Organic Agriculture</td>
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<td>Bredd Ecological Society (Slavonski Brod)</td>
<td>Protecting the Danube Basin by Preventing Pollution, Western Lateral Channel</td>
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<td>Frangh Kosic Society for the Protection and Improvement of Human Environment (Varazdin)</td>
<td>What Needs to Be Known about Nutrients and Toxic Ingredients in the Danube Basin?</td>
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<td>Osijek Greens - Free Movement (Osijek)</td>
<td>Monitoring of Drava Pollution and Informing the Public and Polluters</td>
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<td>Vinkovac Ecological Society (Bukovlje)</td>
<td>Water Is Life</td>
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<td>Society of Independent Agricultural Associations and Agricultural Practitioners (Daruvar)</td>
<td>Creating a Model for Sustainable Ecological Fruit Production through Rehabilitation of Traditional Orchards in the Pakrac Area</td>
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<td>Zr Eccological Society (Zrje)</td>
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<td>ZMAG Green Network of Alternative Groups (Velika Gorica)</td>
<td>Wind in the Service of Humans and Nature</td>
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<td>Spiller Speleological Society (Split)</td>
<td>Don’t Dump Waste in Watercourses</td>
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<td>Silba Society for Nature Protection (Silba Island)</td>
<td>Production of Firewood and Compost from Firewood</td>
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<td>Waterfly Ecological Society (Opuzen)</td>
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<td>Zoe Center for Sustainable Development of Rural Areas (Zagreb)</td>
<td>Initiating Local Actions Based on Preservation of Tradition and Natural Values</td>
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<td>Green Istria Eco Society (Pula)</td>
<td>Creating a Co-Participatory Model of Decision Making and Management in Protected Nature Areas</td>
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<td>EPOS Eco-Farming Advisors’ Association</td>
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<td>Including Macedonian NGOs in Organisation and Development of Sustainable Eco-Tourism, Using Prespa as a Model</td>
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<td>ALLKOP Alliance for Cooperation for Lake Ohrid and Lake Prespa</td>
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<td>Bios Environmental Association (Radovis)</td>
<td>The Future of Sustainable Agriculture</td>
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**Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA)**

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<td>Water Quality Protection in South Great Plain Region</td>
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<td>Pollution Reduction with Nitrogen Compounds in the Danube River Basin</td>
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<td>Ednet Territorial Branch of the Ecological Movement of Moldova</td>
<td>Nutrient Pollution Reduction in the Prut Tributary Rivers</td>
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<td>Calitatea Mediu</td>
<td>A Way to Reduce the Concentration of Water-Biogenic Elements (Nutrients) in the Danube Basin</td>
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<td>Cuterzatorul</td>
<td>Developing Capacities to Promote Organic Farming to Reduce Nutrient Pollution in the Danube River Basin, Falesti District Area</td>
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<td>Mountain Tourism and Ecology Association: Spec-Alpin Mehedinți</td>
<td>Promoting Measures to Be Undertaken for the Reduction of Agriculture-Borne Nutrient Pollutants in Mehedinți County, Danube Basin</td>
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<td>Biotech Foundation</td>
<td>Programme to Promote and Implement Organic Farming Practices for the Reduction of Chemical-Farming Substances in the Low Danube Basin</td>
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<td>DEF Serbia and Montenegro Network for EU Water Directive Implementation</td>
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<td>Upper Stream Pollution Reduction</td>
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<td>New Technologies for Danube Watershed Mines</td>
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<td>Citizen Association Experts Network (Aleksinoac)</td>
<td>Environmental Value of Moravica Watershed and Pollutant Identification</td>
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<td>Society of Friends of the Tara River</td>
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<td>Humanitarac from Niksic (Montenegro)</td>
<td>Organic Waste as a Source of Income, Not as an Environmental Polluter</td>
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<td>Natura Balkarka from Dimitrovgrad</td>
<td>Interactive Farm: Pilot Model</td>
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<td>Centre for Human Rights and Democracy of the City of Uzice</td>
<td>I Think, Live and Work in a Healthy Manner</td>
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<td>Rihard Csorna Ecology Society</td>
<td>Sustainable Development for Kires-Ludas Region</td>
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<td>Black Students' Organization</td>
<td>Promotion of Sustainable Development in South Serbian Region</td>
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<td>Ecology Centre of Knjevac</td>
<td>By Selecting What’s Yours, You Are Leaving Nature to be Nature</td>
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<td>Society for Environmental Protection (Stara Planina)</td>
<td>Wool from Stara Planina</td>
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<td>Timok Agro-Projekt</td>
<td>Organic Agriculture, Healthy Food, Healthy Environment</td>
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<td>“Focus” Centre for Development</td>
<td>Use Energy Rationally</td>
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<td>Association for Development of the Ibar Valley</td>
<td>Possibilities for Sustainable Agricultural Production and Tourism in the Golja-Pustinja Biosphere Reserve</td>
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<td>Association of Medical Workers of Pristina</td>
<td>Follow the Style of Nature</td>
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<td>Cleaning of Heavy Metals from the Soil</td>
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<td>Water Is a Right, Not a Good</td>
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<td>Subotica without Ambrosia</td>
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<td>Friends of Sopotnica Ecological Society</td>
<td>To Stay the Same, But to Be Opened</td>
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<td>Developing a Local Environmental Action Plan for Peja</td>
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<td>Prevention of Pollution and Healthy Environment</td>
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<td>VOG Shitnje</td>
<td>Vision Toward Future</td>
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<td>Women Farmers’ Association (Krusevo)</td>
<td>Developing the Small Economy by Farming</td>
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### Promoting the Principles of Sustainable Development in the Community

#### Balkan Trust Fund for Democracy

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<td>Water Courses Are Not for Sewage!</td>
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<td>Society for Sustainable Living</td>
<td>Proposal for Participatory Strategy to Lower Water Source Pollution in the Myjava River Basin</td>
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<td>Management of Cicovské Mrte Rameno National Nature Reserve</td>
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<td>Revitalisation of Meadows and Nitrogen Reduction in the Zitava Basin</td>
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<td>Nature Protection and Cultural Association of Poplje: Ipel Union</td>
<td>Martanka is Living Again</td>
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<td>Sosna</td>
<td>River Coalitions: Intersectoral Partnerships in Three Danube Sub-Basins in Slovakia</td>
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<td>Creative Non-Profit Organisation</td>
<td>Small Reedbed Wastewater Treatment Plant</td>
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<td>ICRO Institute for Sustainable Development and Environment</td>
<td>How Does the River Clean Itself?</td>
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<td>Lutra Institute for Preservation of Natural Heritage</td>
<td>My Good Neighbor Stream</td>
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<td>Slovenian Union of Organic Farmers</td>
<td>Promotion of Organic Farming, Environmental Farming Standards</td>
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<td>Stork Association of Family Members</td>
<td>Environmentally Friendly Diapers and Washing Detergents</td>
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<td>Carpathians without Pesticides</td>
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<td>Regional Black Sea NGOs Network</td>
<td>The Blue Gold of the Danube is Our Common Heritage</td>
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<td>New Generation All-Ukrainian Public Association</td>
<td>School of Environmental Leadership</td>
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We travel together, passengers on a little spaceship, dependent on its vulnerable reserves of air and soil, all committed, for our safety, to its security and peace. Preserved from annihilation only by the care, the work and the love we give our fragile craft.

Adlai E. Stevenson,
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**CHIP POUCH**

1. Fold the paper in half.
2. Fold the left and right corners so that the upper sides are parallel.
3. Fold down the upper flap to the foreground.
4. Fold down the rear flap to the back.
5. Fill your pouch with chips!

**PARTY BOX**

1. Fold in the corners.
2. Fold down the upper part and fold up the bottom.
3. Unfold the paper so that only the top and bottom corner remain folded.
4. Focus on one corner only.
5. Match the two corners to reach each other.
6. Fold in the flaps.

**SERVING TRAY**

1. Note the marks for the “valley” fold and “mountain” fold.
2. Pair the pink color corners along the folds.
3. Note past the brown corners along their folds.
4. Fold the right edge to the center.
5. Flatten the fold into a triangle.
6. Fold half of the flap in toward the center.
7. Repeat the same process with the left side (4-6).
8. Turn upside down and repeat the process (4-7). Fold the upper flap back and forth to make a crease.
9. Fold back and pull out all four bottom flaps.
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